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LETTER THIRTY ONE-EDITH TO VIC

Tuesday

10/10/44

Dearest darling-

Although I've had only 5 hrs. sleep, I'm none the worst for it this morning (6:45 a.m.). However, since it has rained for 2 continuous days (this may make the third) I can honestly say the weather gets me down more than the hours I keep.

The nursery school (Emanuel) has turned out almost the way I expected. There is a little too much routine & discipline-it does go against "my grain"; but it is a convenient place to work (relatively easy to get to & in the heart of a shopping district) & Mrs. Bennett, head teacher, seems to want to cooperate with hrs. & stuff. Mrs. B. is quite a remarkable woman since she has a husband who has long sieges in the hospital & is slowing fading away & she manages him, plus a home, plus a job & plus 3 kids, ages 16, 13 & 10. I definitely admire her.

They have several good volunteers at the Center among which there is a refuge Fr. woman married to an Am. man. Interesting-huh? I haven't gotten to really talk to her as yet.

However, all the pd. help is part time except Bennett & myself, which puts me 2nd in command. There is: Mrs. Cox, very old, who has no patiences & makes me sick. She has no reason to work except her own morale. Mrs. Kubak, who is middle-aged, & quite good. Miss Haas-(counsins to Jean Haas-OSU-1938-42) who goes to Reserve part-

time-she only works 4 hrs. per day.

We have about 35 children & several colored kids. Mrs. Cox is definitely prejudiced which maybe another reason why I dislike her.

Riding a Rapid & writing is no joy-but I love you enough to attempt it.

Mort had a marvelous time in Columbus-and how! However, he is no longer interested in Eunice Perelman, but is interested in an old g.f.-"Pookie" Weinstein, A.E. Phi.

By the way, Arline Bellin just got married to her Lt. (j.g.) Nat Pritcher.

Met Mort & Uk in town last night & I took them out to the Hickory Grill for dinner. Then, we shopped & Uk bought a dress. At 9 we went to hear the Don Cossack Chorus. We sat in about the middle of the last balcony. Just as the program commenced a man in the last row of the last balcony either fainted or had a heart attack. It "kind of" ruined the program--but I doubt if anything could ruin the program. I hate a Chorus, but this one is not a Chorus -it is a full orchestra. They produce every sound found in an orchestra-Mort, Uk & I both thought it amazing. They, also, had 2 marvelous Russian dancers who were extremely lumber & did beautifully in the Rosataka & other dances.

Honey, I'm finishing this at work, so must get one. I love you madly, as usual.

Ever yours-

Edith

P.S. The human organism is funny-huh?-I'm thinking of what happened

to "that man" last night.

Wilkie's death is, also, a great loss-he could have been a great man-& his ideas would have been sound enough to win him the post war election-anyhow, my vote.